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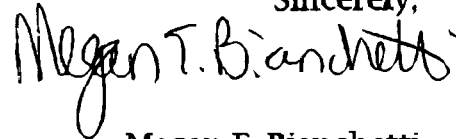
Dear U.S.D.A.:

YES! I support the use of irradiation to make my food safer, as well as the food served at schools for children. I have had irradiated meat products and was very pleased with them. Not only that, but I will not have any non-irradiated ground beef in my home.

This is the greatest thing to ever happen for the safety of our food and our childrens' food. People who say otherwise are simply uneducated.

Just as the pasteurization of milk is necessary, the irradiation of meat is necessary. Period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan E. Bianchetti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'M' and a trailing flourish.

Megan E. Bianchetti